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Sunday January 21

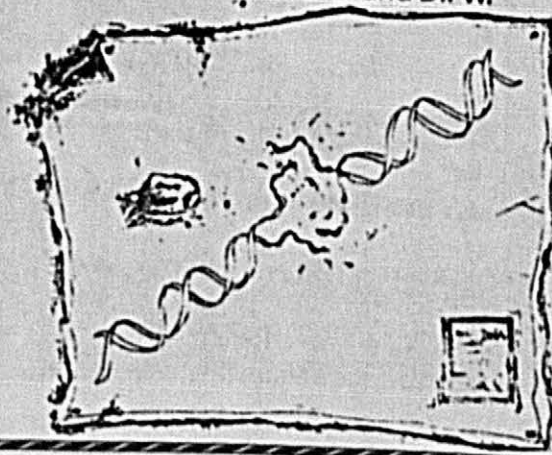
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Tenants guilty of losing homes

Overdale loses court battle

by Mike Gordon

Members of the Overdale Tenants' Association (OTA) pleaded guilty to charges of resisting arrest and obstructing city officials in the line of duty at the Criminal Court of Québec last night.

The thirteen defendants are former tenants of the Overdale housing project, which the city gave up development interests last year. Their offences were committed as part of a campaign of civil resistance against their eviction.

Most of the tenants were discharged, providing they "keep the peace" for one more year. But sentencing for one protestor, Phillip Duhamel, was delayed until January 30, due to his unrepentant stance in history of civil disobedience. Six people were arrested on June 1988 for preventing city inspectors from carrying out a Montreal Chief Inspector's Office evacuation order. Seven more tenants were arrested by riot police days later for barricading their buildings and resisting arrest.

Tenant Robert Craig testified that the safety ordinances listed in the evacuation order were minimal problems, and did not necessitate evacuation.

According to Lisa Jensen, OTA spokesperson, the evacuation order falsely stated that the tenants could be able to move back into their homes after safety and fire insurance requirements were met.

"It was an eviction masquerading as an evacuation," said Jensen. The buildings, located on the block bordered by Overdale and MacKay, have since been demolished or gutted.

Architect Michael Fish testified on Tuesday that the city's profound neglect of low-income housing is "a breach of social peace."

Jensen agreed. "[The verdict] means that people are arrested for getting kicked out of their own homes," she said.

According to Jensen, the developers had no intention of developing the property in the first place.

St. Louis said if developers Robert Landau and Douglas Cohen do not develop the land by September 1990, they will have violated the renovation permit granted from the city.

MCM dissident councillor Arnold Bennett also testified in favour of neighbourhood preservation at the trial.

Civil disobedience justified?

Protestor Phillip Duhamel still faces possible conviction over the incident.

"I didn't apologize," explained Duhamel. "Some of the others said what we did was wrong, but I still felt we did the right thing."

The defence said the tenants chose to plead guilty because although the legality of the City's evacuation order was questionable, their chances of being acquitted

were slim.

"At least we got publicity for our day and a half in court," said St-Louis.

The prosecution judge agreed that the legality of the evacuation order was suspect, but disagreed with the tenants' militant action.

"People should not take the law into their own hands. They would have been better to go through the courts," said Crown prosecuting lawyer Jacques Dagenais.

According to defendant François Saillant, an organizer with the tenant's rights group Front d'Action Populaire pour la Réaménagement Urbain (FRAPRU), tenants had been engaged in court battles at the Rental and Arbitration Boards since June 1987, but developers had ignored or circumvented the temporary injunctions tenants had won.

One of the convicted, James Ross Thomson, was prohibited last year by Québec courts from protesting within five miles of the Overdale buildings, along with Jensen and Montréal artist and activist Norman Nawrocki. A planned constitutional challenge to the order was never mounted due to lack of funds.

Despite their promise to keep the peace, tenants have vowed to keep protesting the city's housing policies.

"We will continue to demonstrate what kind of an animal Doré is. The city betrayed us," said defendant Thomas Sinclair.



B.C. fights fee hike

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The Pacific region of Canada's student federation wants a moratorium on tuition hikes until a royal commission can study their effects on access to higher education in British Columbia.

The CFS is joining with the BC Association of Colleges, the College-Institute Educator Association of BC, the Confederation of University Faculty Associations in BC and the New Democratic Party in calling for the freeze and the royal commission.

CFS-Pacific chair Pam Frache said enrollment at BC colleges and universities has increased by 23 per cent while education funding has decreased 10 per cent in real terms in the last decade.

"Women students, disabled students, Native students consistently are underrepresented in our system," she said. "It's ironic, because we have a public post-secondary education system that every

person's tax dollars goes toward funding and yet because of high tuition, because of a number of other financial barriers, not everybody will have an opportunity to go to a post-secondary institution," she said.

"Therefore you have a situation where the less privileged in our society are in fact subsidizing the education of the affluent in our society."

Provincial Minister of Advanced Education Bruce Strachan was unavailable for comment at press time.

CFS-Pacific region will hold "a province wide day of action" for February 23, with a rally at the University of Victoria and a protest at the Simon Fraser University Board of Governors meeting.

In the east, students attending Québec universities have called for a strike beginning February 21 to protest an imminent tuition fee hike.

Dalhousie affirms action on equity

by Jeff Harrington

HALIFAX (CUP) — Dalhousie University will soon be on the prowl for someone to oversee its long-overdue affirmative action policy.

The task of the new "Employment Equity Officer" is to "reverse the historic under-representation on Dalhousie's faculty and staff of women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities and the disabled."

Whoever gets the job will have a lot of work to do.

Dalhousie has had a "policy for increasing the proportion of female faculty" since 1983, but its impact has been unspectacular. Between 1984 and 1989, an average of 29 per cent of faculty appointments were women.

"I think that, as a whole, the process has been weak," said Barbara Harris, Dalhousie's new status of women co-ordinator.

"Just the results are monitored. The only time you can express disagreement is at the end, which is problematic," she said.

A number of departments, such as Nursing, Dental Hygiene, and

Social Work are exempt from the "reporting procedure" because more than half their faculty members are female. Other departments are chronically male.

In the Humanities, only 15 per cent of full and associate professors are women. The figure for the Social Sciences is 10.5 per cent, while in Science it's 4.9 per cent. Management has 6.8 per cent women profs, while Law has 14.3 per cent and Preclinical Medicine 11.9 per cent.

Since 1987, the percentage of women appointed in these areas has remained low, with the notable exception of the Faculty of Law, which appoints women unless a man is "substantially more qualified." No men have been appointed since the 1986-87 year.

Dalhousie does not keep figure on the number of visible minority or disabled faculty.

"There are certainly not very many indigenous Blacks in the faculty, and there are absolutely zero MicMacs," said Law professor Wayne MacKay Tuesday.

MacKay chaired a task force last year on Dalhousie's accessibil-

ity to minorities, especially indigenous Blacks and MicMacs.

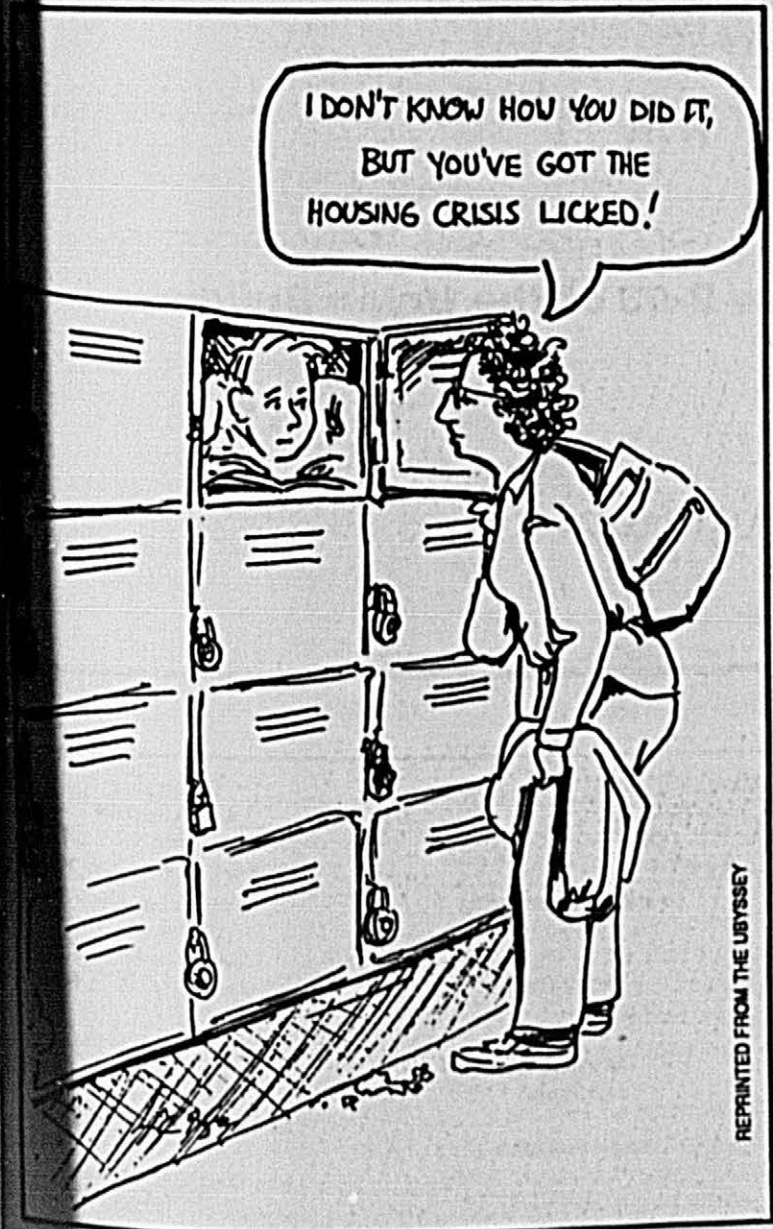
According to Dalhousie President Howard Clark, the administration is "in the process of finalizing a response" to the recommendations of MacKay's task force. Clark said Tuesday that he met this week with the members of the Black and MicMac communities, including the Black Canadian Students Association.

Clark said that, following more consultations, "we will immediately put measures in place to deal with these issues."

Figures for women in administrative positions are equally bleak. Excluding the highest positions, 58.5 per cent of administrators were women. Fully 78 per cent of the "below mid-range" positions were held by women, while 61 per cent of those "above middle range" were men.

Ten of 11 top level administrators were men and all seven of the top-paying administrators were men.

Dalhousie does not monitor administrative hiring, the distribution of minorities or the disabled in the administration.



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Ryan and Johnston hope for student apathy

To the McGill Community:

Education Minister Ryan is counting on you!

"To do what?" you might ask. "To do absolutely nothing," he would answer.

He doesn't want you to have in-depth discussions about what kind of university you want. He especially doesn't want you thinking about who should go to university or what programs should be offered. Because if you were to do this, you may come up with a slightly different perspective than that of Mr. Ryan.

Another person who is counting on McGill students is Principal David Johnston. I don't believe that Mr. Johnston always saw things the same way as Ryan, but with government cutbacks in education being the order of the day since 1979, Ryan has persuaded Johnston to see things differently.

I could, of course, bombard you with statistics which would indicate the numerous difficulties which many students are going to face if there's a fee hike.

However, before doing this, I believe it is important that students start to define what kind of university they want and who should be able to attend. Contrary to what a lot of people might say, I don't believe that the majority of McGill students think that a university education should be reserved for those fortunate enough to belong to the middle or upper classes.

I really don't think that McGill students would say that only students who had the best marks in the best CEGEPs in Québec should be allowed to go to McGill.

Most importantly, I firmly believe that at least nine out of ten McGill students would agree that absolutely no one should be deprived of a university education because they don't have the financial means.

Even though less students would mean big savings for the government (university funding formulae are directly related to the number of students enrolled), Education Minister Ryan may not have any great wish to deprive students of a university education because of their lack of financial means. However, he knows perfectly well that this will be the result of his pre-Christmas fee hike announcement.

What about quality?

The fee increase will do almost nothing to improve the quality of education. The additional \$83 million raised in 2 years will cover only about 40% of Québec universities' combined deficit. Even the conference of rectors has received no assurances from the Minister that government grants to universities would be maintained beyond the first two years of a fee hike.

In other words, Education Minister Ryan is asking us to put a lot of faith in the concept

of a "distinct society." Most everywhere else in North America, when tuition fees are raised, government grants are cut by the corresponding amount. I don't believe there is any such thing as a distinct society when it comes to \$ \$ \$. Québec will follow the same path.

No, Mr. Ryan, Le Conseil du Patronat, and the Chamber of Commerce (who happen to be the most vocal supporters of a substantial fee hike) have their own agenda. Gyslain Dufour, president of the Conseil du Patronat answered a question about the negative impact of a tuition fee hike on the orientation of our universities by saying Québec doesn't need 200 new philosophers every year.

Et voilà! Their concept of the university system is one that responds to the needs of the marketplace. The challenges of a new global marketplace, they say, demand that we channel all available resources into science and technology programmes.

Political science, history, philosophy, sociology, music of course, and the list continues, are not programmes which are economically "profitable" from this perspective. Private entrepreneurs have very little use for these programmes. The new global marketplace demands that we give less attention to these supposedly trivial areas of study.

If you read the papers regularly, you might be feeling somewhat worried about the state of the world. You might consider it useful to educate people who are going to study what the limits of science and technology are or what the solutions might be to the problems caused by advancing technology putting people out of work (Bell Telephone in BC has recently announced a couple of hundred layoffs because of advanced technology, and General Motors of Canada has done the same.)

You might think it important to study the limits of genetic engineering. You might think that some people should be developing a broad perspective on the world so that specific interest groups — business, scientists, technocrats — don't have their way, to the detriment of the rest of us.

No cash, no school

Finally, it doesn't take a Ph.D. in economics to realise that if we raise the price of something, some people will no longer be able to afford it. However, when that something happens to be an education, we as students have to decide whether it ever becomes acceptable to say, "No money, no education."

The table below clearly indicates how massive the tuition fee increases announced by Ryan last month really are.

Furthermore, the present financial aid system excludes 80 per cent of the student

population. If the proposed loans and bursaries reforms pass in their present form, about 75 per cent of students will still be ineligible for financial aid. Therefore we can see that over 80 per cent of all students will in no way be compensated for the increase by "improvements" to the financial aid system.

Eighty per cent of Québec students are going to have to find close to an extra \$1 000 a year each in order to pay for their education.

ANNUAL TUITION FEES (*)

A) full-time B) continuing ed.

1989-90	1990-91**	1991-1992
A) \$570	\$920-1012	\$1270-1498
B) \$70	\$105-115	\$140-165

* This table does not include administration, materials, association, diploma or any other fees that different disciplines or the university may impose.

** This amount is equal to the minimum amount by which McGill must raise its fees, as per government instructions. The second

amount shows what fees will be if McGill uses its option to increase fees by another 10 per cent. Most observers agree McGill will be the first to use this option.

If tuition fees climb from \$570 to \$1498 students will be faced with a whopping 16 per cent increase in tuition fees in two years. Continuing education fees, which were already higher than full-time students', will escape with a "light" 136 per cent increase over two years.

I have only scratched the surface of the tuition debate. Mr. Ryan is hoping that you won't dig any deeper, won't form your own opinions. He doesn't want you to talk or think about accessibility, the type of university that you want, privatization, priority programmes, etc.

If you don't agree with Mr. Ryan or Mr. Johnston, keep it to yourself. That way, it's just like you never thought about it in the first place.

That way Mr. Ryan and Mr. Johnston will be very proud of McGill students!

Jeff Begley
External Affairs officer,
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Étudiantes et Étudiants
du Québec (ANEEQ).

The Coalition

against the Privatization of Education

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Green movement takes root in Canada

by Joyce Lombardi

Montréal's grassroots Green movement got some pointers last Friday night from the co-secretary of the European Greens' coordinating committee.

Per Gharion, who is also a Swedish Green Party MP, came to Montréal on his coalition-building tour of North America.

He spoke to a group of about 60 activists at the Institute of Policy Alternatives for Montréal (IPAM), most of whom were members of a potential municipal ecological party, Montréal Vert.

The Greens have developed into a strong alternative party in Europe, capturing over five per cent of the national Parliament seats in Sweden.

Gharion told the Montréal activists that a local grassroots movement is always the nucleus of the Green Party. "The Greens started by saying No to environmental destruction and nuclear arms," he said.

He suggested the Greens also provide a third alternative for the opening political system in Eastern Europe.

"Greens are not only in direct opposition to capitalist ideology, we are also farther left than socialists on most issues," he said.

According to Gharion, "Even socialists are industrialists."

The Swedish Green party has proposed raising energy prices such as electricity and gas, a move which many social democrats have opposed.

He added that the global Green movement has expanded beyond environmental concerns. "Although we've incorporated more theory and organization into our movement, our main mandate is still action."

Greens in Canada

Gharion was optimistic that a strong Green movement could take root in Canada.

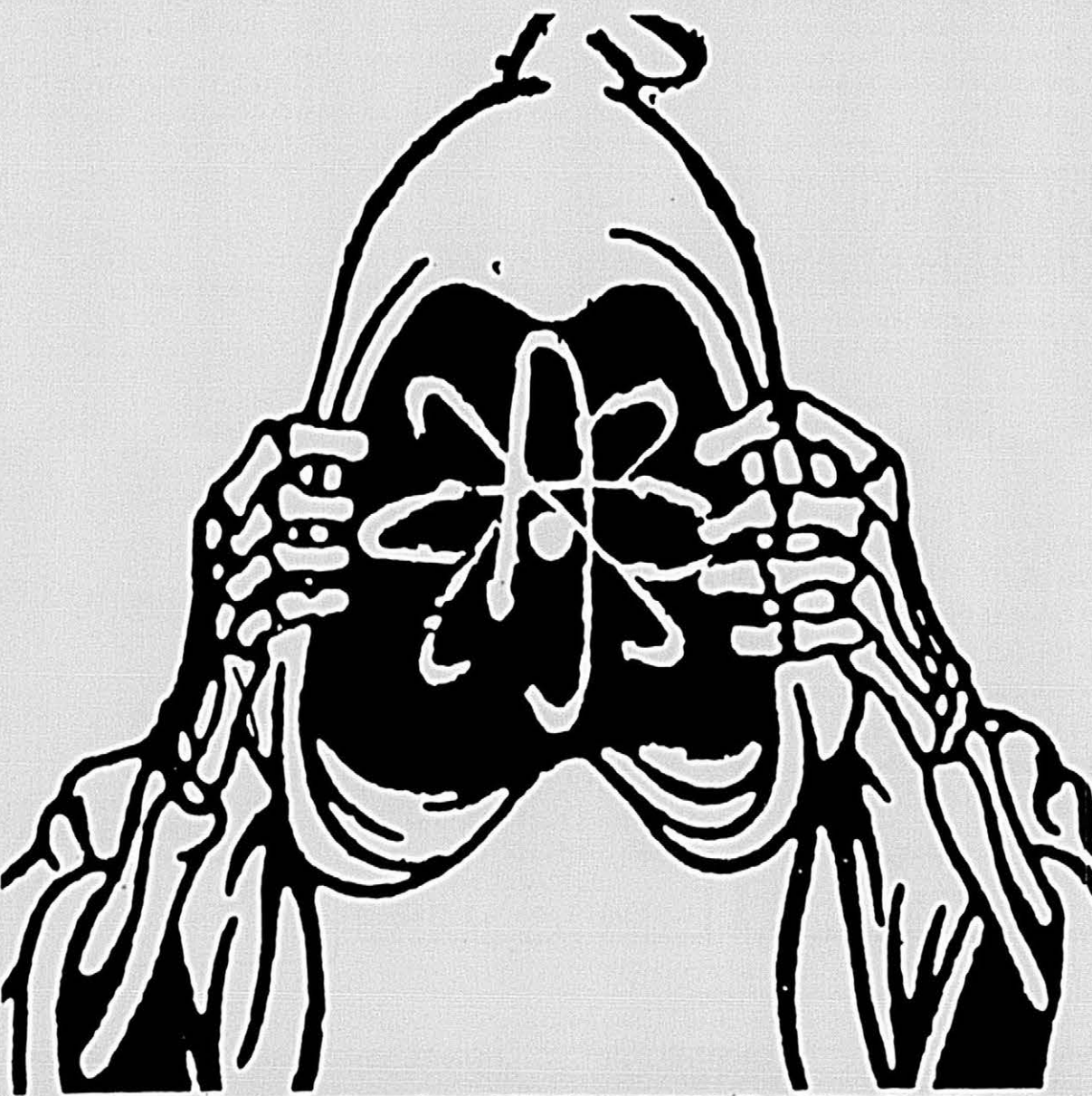
As a result of global warming, oil spills, and nuclear accidents an unprecedented environmental consciousness has been developing in North America, he said.

"You don't have to analyse the land, water, or air to see ecological problems," he said. He praised grass-roots groups such as Montréal Vert for organizing at the local level.

Gharion said the European Green movement owes much of its success to its foundation as a popular movement. The system of proportional representation in Sweden facilitated the Green Party's capture of Parliamentary seats, he added.

Gharion also said Canada's multi-party political system will give Greens a better shot at infiltrating provincial and federal politics than the United States' bicameral system.

Canadian Greens have already started entering the organized political arena. Jean Ouimet, a mem-



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ber of Québec's Parti Vert said his group won 5 per cent of provincial seats in the last election.

Canadian Green Party member Joceyln Decary is a candidate in Chambly's upcoming federal by-elections. The Greens gained wide support in this riding after the PCB fire at St. Basile-le-Grand in August of 1988.

Dimitri Roussopoulos — an organizer of Montréal's building ecological party and founder of IPAM — said he had no interest in provincial or federal politics.

"I'm still worried about this

cesspool of a city we live in," he said.

Greg Tutko, Montréal Vert organizer, agrees with the European Green mandate of collective powersharing. According to Tutko, Montréal Vert will make sure party seats are filled by both women and men, and will regularly rotate offices.

Tutko also plans to work more closely with the Québec Parti Vert in the future. Montréal Vert will meet weekly at the IPAM to organ-

ize its party for next November's municipal elections.

Tutko is confident of the success of a Montréal Green movement.

"If people don't start worrying about the environment, and the corporate interests that allow environmental degradation, in 50 or 60 years we'll be reduced to a few lucky survivors," he said.

Greenthink
Green ideology is centered

around combatting what Gharion calls "the four evils."

The first — Entropy — is a physics term referring to the transfer of energy from higher to lower states, is one of these Green evils. According to Gharion, industrial production uses energy to transform raw goods into products, most of which end up as garbage.

"We're drowning in garbage. It links politics at every level, from municipal to federal," he said. Greens advocate limiting the waste of production through programs such as recycling and decrease in consumption.

Oligarchy was another of the evils on the Green hit list. "We're basically anarchists at heart, so we detest the thought of organizing," he joked.

To prevent elected Green party members from getting caught up in political machinery, the Party rotates positions and limits the length of terms in office.

Gharion stressed the importance of keeping the party distinct from the popular movement but Roussopoulos disagreed. "The party should be the movement and the movement should be the party," he said later in an interview.

Roussopoulos agrees with the Swedish Green's system of rotating party positions and giving away portions of their salaries. "We don't want our members fattening their bellies in office," said Gharion.

Roussopoulos said if he were to run and be elected as a city councillor in November's municipal elections, he would give his salary directly to community groups.

The Greens also oppose patriarchy. "Men have ruled the world, and obviously it's nothing to be proud of," said Gharion.

According to Gharion, the Swedish parliamentary system demands equal representation of male and female speakers and MPs, unlike in Canada.

One woman in the audience asked if fighting racism and classism was incorporated into the European Green party platform.

"Obviously there's a problem here," she said, gesturing to the all-white audience.

Gharion said the Greens are aware of the underrepresentation of immigrants and ethnic minorities in their membership, but have developed no specific plans to broaden their membership base. No one in the Montréal coalition offered any suggestions.

Anomy, the final Green anathema, is a sociological concept referring to the social disruption which follows a high rate of social change, such as in industrialized societies.

Greens, said Gharion, reject alienating Western traditions which stress progress and individualism, and counter them with individualism and stress reduction techniques.

Gharion spoke in both French and English. His tour was to stop in Newfoundland after Montréal, and wind up in New York City.

McGill to patch Union building roof

by Alex Pouls

After two years, the Union building's leaky roof and drain pipes may finally be repaired.

The problem has existed since 1987 and is getting worse, said Students' Society VP Internal Ray

Satterthwaite.

Assistant VP Physical Resources Sam Kingdon said his study of the building revealed "the skylight over the main stairwell has reached a state of disrepair that's causing leaks around it."

"There's some sign of leakage

on both sides of the stairwell, particularly on the fourth floor," he said.

The multicultural lounge and the south block lounge have been damaged by the leaks.

Satterthwaite said, "if water finds a wall somewhere, it will dig its way in and create more problems."

Besides the dilapidated skylight, defective drain pipes contribute to the Union Building's plumbing dilemmas.

Kingdon met with Students' Society members in December and checked the roof. He is awaiting a report from the University on the matter.

The cost of the upcoming repair is undetermined, but the University will pay for any repairs made.

"It's a university responsibility so it won't cost the Students' Society anything," said Students' Society VP Finance Jean Charles Viens.

Future repairs are not expected to disrupt services in the students' Union building.

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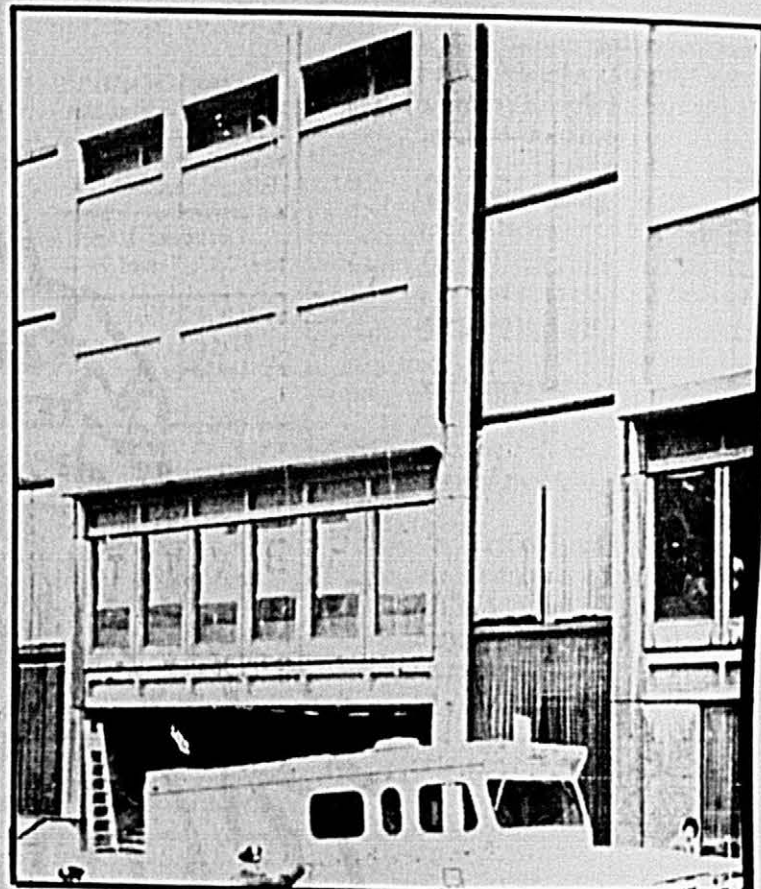
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372 LOST AND FOUND

Lost Golden triple-chain bracelet of very special sentimental value on Friday, January 12, 1990. Honest finder could cure my heart-misery by returning it. Reward! Please contact Cordula. Tel. 982-0603.

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374 - PERSONALS

Frosty says...

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Good News! At 2:47 a.m. when you feel like you're the only one awake in the entire city - you aren't! Call McGill Nightline 'cause we got the info, 'cause we like to listen and 'cause we're cool!! 398-6246.

A young good-looking interesting man seeks a good-looking interesting young man. First-timer preferred. Photo, Phone or Address to L.P.R. P.O. Box 1504/Station H, H3H 2R2.

McGill Christian Fellowship Bible studies - Various times. Various places. Call Mad Dog Drysdale at 989-5518 for more information.

It's back!!! Co-Ed K-D Wrestling!!! To enter, get your application form at the ASUS office, Eaton Building, Rm. 506, or call 284-6568. That's Co-Ed K-D Wrestling, on Friday, January 26, Enter Now!!!

McGill Christian Fellowship is having a new monthly meeting. This month: Social Awareness supper. Friday, January 19, 18h30 at Presbyterian College.

To left-handed girl from Seattle in Prehistoric Archeology last term: there's a message for you at the Daily office, Union B-17.

Would like to lose 20 lbs or more? Join a weight

loss group, McGill Psychology Department. Men and staff welcome. Wendy, 482-9782.

Looking for New and Old AIESECers to attend our First General Meeting of the decade, today! Wed., Jan. 17th, 4:30, Bront. 451.

383 LESSONS OFFERED

LSAT/GMAT - We offer weekend preparation courses for LSAT's and GMAT's. Course fees start at \$180. For information and a free brochure, call 1-800-387-5519.

Engineering student would tutor physics/math (especially trigonometry, calculus, linear algebra) in exchange for (acoustic) guitar lessons. Fabrice 739-6265.

385 NOTICES

Gays and Lesbians of McGill offers an information and counselling talkline. Call us with questions, problems, or just to talk. Phone 398-6822 or drop by Union 417, M-F, 7-10 p.m.

Lesbian/Gay studies group meets Thursdays, discussion group meets Fridays, both at Yellow Door (3625 Aylmer) 17h00. Info 597-0363 (Bill).

St. Martha's in-the-Basement: Warm christian community meets every Sunday morning for informal, ecumenical worship. 3521 University (basement) 10:30 am. Everyone welcome 398-4104 Rev. Roberts Clare.

Spring Break in Venezuela - \$499 Day and weekend trips. Sign-up and info at Gerts Mon. - Fri. between 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. McGill Travel Club 762-0332.

First Beer Bash at Gays & Lesbians of McGill. To be held in Room 425 on Friday January 19, 7-11 p.m. Info at 398-6822

"Male Responsibility in Feminism" Rap session at the Women's Union, Rm 423 Union. Wed., Jan. 17, 6:00 p.m. All men and women welcome.

Animals are suffering confinement and death in the hands of us humans. Help work to improve their fate. Meeting Thursday, January 18, 5:30 in R.410, Student Union. New members welcome. META 276-0914.

Second Annual Beta Theta Pi Bermuda Triangle Party. Friday the 19th at 3647 University. 2 for 1. Happy hours. Don't be a square - Come get wrecked.

387 VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed at the Montreal Neurological Hospital to visit patients for 3 hours/week. Old and new volunteers are asked to attend the information meeting Wednesday, January 17, 4:30 p.m. at the M.N.L. (3801 University St.) to sign up for a session.

Volunteers needed to work 4 - 5 hrs on weekends with psychiatric patients at a downtown halfway house operated by the Behavior Modification Unit of the Douglas Hospital. Mike 931-7464.

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letters

He hates to say it, but
he told us so

To the Daily:

Carl Wilson is right on the money: Train travel is substantially cheaper than air travel, and infinitely more comfortable, safe and environmentally suitable than bus travel. And, yes, in terms of seeing and sensing the country we live in, the train will remain unrivalled.

"Derailing the Tory Train of Thought" put well into perspective the government's blatant disregard for those who benefit most from Via Rail. Wilson didn't even mention Environmental Minister Lucien Bouchard's ridiculous statement that the Via cutbacks would allow the government more money to put towards further environmental study and research. Even if I believed him, that is still the most illogical scheme I ever heard of.

But my mind goes back to the cover of last year's *Daily Election Issue*, which screamed those immortal words: "If Voting Could Change the System, It Would Be Illegal!" Inside, despite a platform and ideology completely unlike the PC's, the NDP received hardly a mention amidst full-length profiles of parties like the Marxist-Leninists. The NDP was ignored for reasons of tunnel vision, and no one who said "Fuck You" to the system during the Federal Election of 1988 should now be surprised when the PC's give us all the finger back — and much more tangibly.

Carl Wilson's comment was poignant, to say the least. And it's not without some bitterness that I have to say: we reap what we sow.

Mark Lurie
English Lit. U2

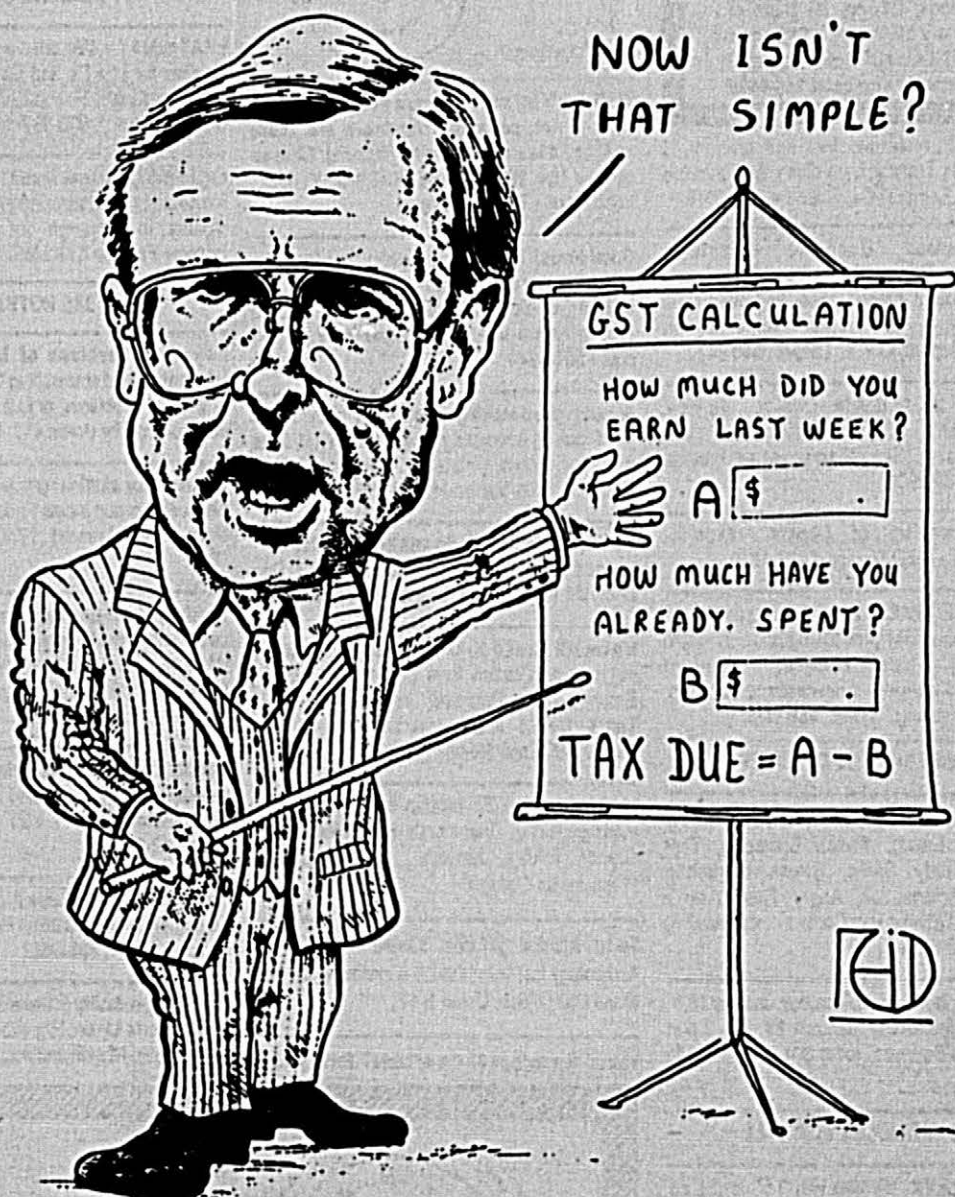
What's mine is mine

To the Daily:

It is very disquieting to see the *Daily*, in so many articles, editorials (sic), notices etc. seemingly bent on stirring up the students at McGill to a possible strike to protest the lifting of the tuition freeze.

First of all, higher education is not and should not be, as Susana Bejar would have us believe (editorial, Friday 12 Jan.) a "public right". And, the freeze was not the government "recognizing its responsibility to provide education..." Apart from being a great vote-getter, it was an ambitious, idealistic step towards free education, something we would all love to have, however, 20 years later we now see that it is simply not feasible. Do you folks realize that the average Canadian already pays over 60 per cent of his/her annual income in taxes? It seems that you would push this up to 70 or 80 per cent just so you and I can frolic in the misty realms of higher learning. Of course this is not fair to all Canadians, most of whom stand to gain little from your and my education.

Again, to the bleeding heart of

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Susana Béjar: nothing is ever truly universal. There will always be something of a "fringe", those who will fall through the cracks of even the "best laid plans..." Besides there are already too many people in university who don't really want to be there, except to put off for a couple more years the big step into the real world. It seems you would have them open the flood gates, letting any and everyone in, just because it is free, to drag down the standard of education even lower; you would make my (and your) degree essentially worthless.

Instead of inciting all sorts of noisy banner waving, picketing and striking, how about we look for some positive actions and solutions to our problems. How about we convince the McGill administration not to charge the higher fees. After all, it is only a government decree at present. Too naive? How about we, every McGill student just pay last years rates and attend lectures anyways. Would McGill have the balls to issue 21 000 'J's'?

Surely it is obvious that a strike is the least productive way of effecting a solution, not to mention the stupidest, and it would be with particular relish that I cross any picket line in order to attend my lectures and continue my education which I work hard to pay for.

Stephen Targett
U2, Music

Ed. note: We don't know what country you live in, but in ours the 60 per cent tax bracket is an honour bestowed only on higher-income earners. Hardly the Canadian average. The point of maintaining the freeze is precisely so that it's not just "you and I" who "can frolic in the misty realms of higher education". But you seem to have lots of ideas on alternatives to the strike. You might consider taking them to the next CAPE meeting.

Breast feeding is
contraceptive...some
of the time

To the Daily:

In her January 15 letter Sarah Warland writes that breast-feeding is not a form of contraception. This statement is both incorrect and correct. To explain such a discrepancy a third factor must be examined: the woman's diet.

A woman who is receiving a normal amount of food, as is the case with most women — both of the first and the third world, cannot use breast-feeding as a contraceptive. Ms. Warland is correct.

However, a woman for whom food is in short supply can use breast-feeding as a contraceptive sometimes for as long as four years. The wisdom in this type of contraceptive regulation can be under-

stood by imagining the life style of a primitive hunter/gatherer tribe. When food is abundant it is easy to feed many mouths and the tribe can support lots of children. In times of famine, however, one would want to limit the number of children dependant upon the tribe's food supply. Nature has built into humanity a natural check system restricted by food supply but still able to maximize the number of children a society produces.

Food intake plays a very important role in preparing a woman for pregnancy. A common symptom of extreme anorexia is the loss of menses. This loss is accompanied by sterility.

Physiologically, breast-feeding inhibits pregnancy by increasing concentrations of the hormone prolactin. Prolactin is a polypeptide hormone that is released from the adenohypophysis to initiate and maintain lactation. Suckling by the infant during breast-feeding feeds back onto the adenohypophysis to increase prolactin release. The increased prolactin in turn decreases LH and FSH (two hormones important for proper gonadal function) secretion. This causes gonadal suppression and amenorrhoea. Prolactin is the sister hormone to another hormone called growth hormone (GH). GH, in the presence of food, causes an increase in the release of insulin like growth factors (IGFs) from the liver. The

IGFs act on the gonads causing increased activation. Therefore, if food is present, normal gonadal function is observed and the woman will become pregnant. If food is absent or in low supply supply breast-feeding becomes a contraceptive.

Richard Press
Physiology, U3

Welfare basher

To the Daily:

Now wait a minute here! What's the message behind Andy Riga's article "Welfare Law Bashes Students" in January 15th's *Daily*? The piece explains the plight of Danielle Perrault, who finds that she may no longer get welfare and continue at university full-time due to Québec's new welfare law. Her rent is due, Hydro and Bell are after her, she's out of money, and now the province won't pay her tuition and give her welfare at the same time. She, of course, is "victimized".

I agree with Jean-Louis Morgan's statement that many people consider welfare a way of life. Perrault has a history of being on welfare, owes the provincial government \$10 000 and clearly expects the province to continue to pick up her living expenses and tuition while she's at school.

Perrault presumably has a secondary school equivalent education and some university experience. Surely she is able to find a part-time job during school, or full-time employment for a period until she is financially prepared to resume her studies. From the information presented in the article, I can see no evidence that Perrault is being unfairly treated or victimized. She is capable of taking charge of her financial responsibilities and should not expect that the taxpayers foot the bill for her.

Critics of the new law apparently charge that welfare recipients are forced to work for low pay in areas unrelated to their careers. I think it goes without saying that the majority of undergraduates who work to pay their way through university do so for low pay in areas unrelated to their careers. Why should we have more sympathy for Danielle Perrault than for any student trying to manage school and the costs of living?

Perrault is quoted, "Last semester I spent most of my time running around pursuing this — in court, with my lawyer, with the media — and I still managed to get an 'A' in every course." Perhaps if Perrault had spent this time supporting herself instead of pursuing welfare, she would be better able to take charge of her expenses this semester.

Todd Wilkins
Visiting, U3

Ed. note: Perrault is not asking for welfare and student aid. She wants one or the other, and is being denied both.